Concord, May 7. 1876.

Mrs Emerson

Dear Mr Garrison -

Thanks for the honor and the kindness you have done me in the gift of this Memorial of your beautiful wife - I am grateful to God that such a woman has existed - & want words to express the reverence and admiration with which I regard such a life and character.

For all that her days were passed in cares, labors and sacrifices - her life was truly heaven begun on earth -

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"A life of prayer is the life of Heaven"

So is one of unselfish ministry to the good of others - The two, indeed are indissolubly conjoined - since "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light" of God's presence -

Your lease of bereavement must be deep silence; but the lovely memory of such a friend - and the knowledge that heaven cannot be very distant - to say nothing of even higher sources of consolation - must, I believe, still keep your spirit in hope and peace -

Faithfully yours
Lydia Emerson

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